

The Hoyt City Council met in regular session on June 6, 2023.

Present were Mayor Bob Bell, council members Leonard Allen, Joe Romans, Justin Faulkner, Larry Valdez and Becky McClane. Also present were city accountant Matt Deutsch, city clerk Shawna Blackwood, city attorney Lee Hendricks and Chief of Police Dan Wentling.

Mayor Robert Bell called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Council was previously provided minutes from the May 2, 2023 council meeting. Joe Romans made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2023 council meeting. Leonard Allen seconded, motion carried.

Matt Deutsch presented the monthly financial report. Mr. Deutsch also provided a preliminary draft of the 2024 budget. Council discussed upcoming projects including possibly needing to dredge the sewer ponds in the near future and purchasing an additional mower. Deutsch can provide a second draft after receiving final assessed valuations from the County. The clerk will check with KRWA on the status of completing the sludge testing for the sewer ponds.

Council and city attorney discussed Resolution 2023-1 updating the rates for sewer and water connection fees. Joe Romans made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-1 with the exception for further discussion with Kenny Bryan for expenses relating to the actual costs for connection. Justin Falkner seconded, motion carried.

Mayor Bell asked for an update on the building at 101 E Fourth Street. There has been no additional contact by the property owners.

Larry Valdez provided an update on the sewer pump repairs.

Council discussed when to have the July council meeting as the first Tuesday falls on July 4th. The council meeting will be July 11 at 7 pm.

The clerk discussed preparing payroll for employees the week of July 3rd. Joe Romans made a motion to approve processing and signing payroll checks the week of July 3rd. Justin Faulkner seconded, motion carried.

Joe Romans provided an update on the new utility billing software. Some customers have had issues downloading the utility bill when received via email. This issue should now be resolved.

City attorney presented the annual traffic ordinances. Joe Romans made a motion approve Ordinance 356 (Incorporating the Uniform Public Offense Code Edition for 2022) and 357 (Incorporating the Standard Traffic Edition for 2022). Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried.

City clerk and attorney discussed sending out the second copper lead questionnaire for those that did not return the first questionnaire. The second letter will be sent in June with the \$50 credit applied for completing the signed and completed form in September.

Clerk discussed with the council the tractor pull event and Pride of Hoyt the weekend of August 18th. With the large crowd expected, it may be necessary to get a second dumpster for the weekend. Rental costs can be provided at the next meeting. It was reported Amy Klotz with Pride of Hoyt will be attending the July meeting to discuss the events. Council discussed providing eight portable toilets for the weekend events.

Council discussed the July 3rd event. Joe Romans made a motion to provide 5 portable toilets for the July 3rd event. Leonard Allen seconded, motion carried.

City clerk discussed the process for payments of the fireworks.

Mayor Bell discussed street concerns.

Chief of Police Dan Wentling provided the monthly police report. Wentling reported the battery sticks for the hand held radar are in and all equipment is in good shape at this time.

Becky McClane reported provided an update on parks. Felix DelToro and Kenny Bryan are still working on coordinating getting the rock around the sign at 1st and Hwy 214.

McClane discussed the status of the roof repair at the shelter house and the roof on the 4H building needing repaired.

There was nothing additional to report on streets or water.

Joe Romans reported the area north of Eastern and Burnett needing weeds trimmed for better visibility.

Joe Romans made a motion to pay bills. Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried.

Council noted there was nothing to report on the community building.

Joe Romans made a motion to adjourn. Justin Faulkner seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Shawna Blackwood
City Clerk